

Sara Cucci

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Nationality Italian

WORK EXPERIENCE

03/2022 - present

Counsellor - Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Rome, Italy

- Head of Unit V (Regulatory policies of the EU) at the Directorate General for Europe and International Trade
- Definition, in coordination with the competent Ministries, of the national position in the framework of the negotiations on the sectoral policies of the Union. Contribution to the selection of national experts seconded to the Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU.

08/2021 – 03/2022

Counsellor – Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Rome, Italy

- Deputy Head of Unit IV (institutional and legal affairs of the EU) at the Directorate General for Europe and International Trade
- In charge of preparation of the European Council, the General Affairs Council and all institutional matters.

05/2017 – 07/2021

First Secretary – Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU (Mertens Counselor)

Brussels, Belgium

- Coordination and preparation of Coreper I meetings
- Coordination and preparation of Council meetings which fall under the remits of Coreper I (6 configurations: Agrifish; Environment; Compet - Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space; TTE-Transport, Telecommunication, Energy; EPSCO - Labour, Social policies and Health; EYCS – Education, Youth, Culture, Sport)
- Chief of staff of the Deputy Permanent Representative (DPR) and Deputy DPR in Coreper I

09/2013 – 05/2017

First Secretary – Embassy of Italy to the People's Republic of China (Political officer)

Beijing, PRC

- Monitoring and reporting on China's foreign policy
- Liaising with the Press
- From 2013 to 2016: responsible for relations with Mongolia (until the establishment of the Embassy of Italy to Mongolia)

12/2010 - 08/2013

Second Secretary – Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Rome, Italy

- Serving at the Directorate General for Mondialization (Unit I – relations with International Organizations; Cabinet of the Director General; Unit 6 – relations with India, Pakistan and Bangladesh)

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

03/2009 - 07/2009

Administrative and Liaison Officer – World Health Organization**Rome, Italy**

- Promoting WHO global health policies during the G8 meetings through appropriate coordination of activities among the WHO Headquarters, the WHO Regional Office of Venice and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Liaise with G8 Countries, International Organizations, Nongovernmental Organizations, and the Press.
- Plan and manage all relevant administrative functions related to the G8-Health Agenda, and liaise with the Italian Ministry of Health on specific matters.

09/2008 - 03/2009

Traineeship within the Italian Task Force for the G8 Presidency – Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**Rome, Italy**

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- Liaise with G8 Countries, International Organizations, Nongovernmental Organizations, and the Press.

09-12/ 2006

Traineeship at the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations**New York, USA**

- Assist the Political Coordinator of the Mission in the activities related to the promotion of the Italian strategy with regard to the Security Council reform.

2007-2008

Master in History of International Relations and Diplomacy**SIOI, Rome.**

2005-2007

Master in International Economic Relations (110/110 *cum laude*)**University of Trieste, Italy**

Dissertation: "*Confucius enters the WTO: evolution of the Chinese banking system and prospects for the European banking system after the entry of the People's Republic of China into the World Trade Organization*".

2001-2005

Laurea (110/110 *cum laude*) in International and Diplomatic Relations**University of Trieste, Italy**

Dissertation: "*Cosmopolitan democracy? Analysis of UN reform projects*".

**COMPLEMENTARY COURSES
AND PERSONAL SKILLS**

05/2006

Trade relations and negotiation with Asia - focus on China**Università Ca'Foscari, Venezia.**

09/2005-01/2006

Chinese Language Programme**University of Shanghai, Shanghai, PRC**

01-06/2003

Human Rights: International Legal Foundations**New School University, New York, USA.**

English: fluent.
French: fluent.
Chinese: basic
Spanish: basic.

Computer skills:

Excel, Word, Power Point, Outlook